



DFIRS NEWS

Delaware Fire Incident Reporting System

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Status Report from the Program Manager

Currently, the DFIRS program is at a **66%** participation rate for the state. June's goal is to increase state participation to the 70% level.

Number of Departments **Not Participating** Per County:

- New Castle County = 14 departments
- Kent County = 4 departments
- Sussex County = 3 departments

If your department is one of the remaining **21** departments not participating in the DFIRS program please contact Program Manager, Crystal Beach for assistance.

After Hours Technical Support Provided

In order to better serve the fire service, the State Fire Marshal's Office has implemented after hours DFIRS technical support.

If you are in need of after hours technical support, please visit the DFIRS website home page:

<http://www.delawarestatefiremarshal.com/dfirs.htm>

Additional Statewide & County Specific Reports Offered

Statewide and county specific reports regarding Rescue & EMS incidents have been added to the DFIRS website at:

<http://www.delawarestatefiremarshal.com/mportfac.htm>

The additional Rescue & EMS reports were created based on requests received from department Chiefs. If you have any questions or comments regarding the statewide and county specific reports please contact Crystal Beach.

Data Quality

Ensuring that the information contained within the DFIRS database is essential. The variety of reports and analysis being generated from the DFIRS database are important to everyone in the state. Therefore, please take

the time to call with any coding or procedural questions. A little bit of prevention can go along way. With this in mind, please find below a few common data errors that are occurring:

Incorrect incident number

Kent & Sussex County departments should be utilizing the 911 incident numbers. New Castle County's incident number is longer than the provided seven (7) character long incident number field; therefore, place the **case number** in the incident number field. For example, case number F0002008286 should be entered as incident 008286.

Miscoding of incidents

This is the actual situation that emergency personnel found on the scene when they arrived. **The incident type reported is not always the same as the incident type initially dispatched.**

Address field

When entering address information place each data element in the proper field provided. For example, 100 North Sand Street should have 100 entered in the "Number/Milepost" field, North entered in "Street Prefix" field, Sand entered in "Street or Highway" field and Street entered in "Street Type" field.

Congratulations!

The following departments are active electronic DFIRS participants:

1. Indian River Volunteer Fire Co
2. Lewes Fire Department Inc
3. Bethany Beach Fire Co
4. Little Creek Volunteer Fire Co
5. Elsmere Fire Co #1 Inc
6. Citizen's Hose Co #1 Inc
7. Volunteer Hose Co
8. Dover Robbins Hose Co #1 Inc
9. Cheswold Volunteer Fire Co
10. Carlisle Fire Co Inc
11. Dagsboro Fire Co
12. Frankford Volunteer Fire Co
13. Selbyville Volunteer Fire Co

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"SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE" REACHED IN REVIEW OF FIRE GRANT APPLICATIONS

WASHINGTON — Three hundred fire service personnel conducting peer evaluations of grant requests for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) have completed their work, bringing eligible fire departments a step closer to receiving much-needed assistance. With the peer review stage of the 2002 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program now complete, the reviews will be forwarded to FEMA/USFA staff for final processing and selection of grant recipients.

"There is still work to be done but completion of the peer review is a significant milestone on the road to getting much-needed assistance to first responders," said R. David Paulson, U.S. Fire Administrator. "The men and women who participated on these evaluation panels made an invaluable contribution to the process.

FEMA/USFA received an appropriation for \$360 million for the grant program this year. The applications for assistance totaled nearly \$2.2 billion with more than 19,500 requests for funds in four general categories:

- Fire Operations and Firefighter safety: \$882,539,097 representing 58 percent of the applications.
- Fire Fighting vehicles: \$1.26 billion representing 37 percent of the applications.
- Emergency Medical Services: \$35,174,783 representing two percent of the applications.
- Fire Prevention Programs: \$30,580,741 representing three percent of the applications.

Grant awards will begin in June and will continue to be announced through the summer and fall, until all of the appropriated funds are awarded. All applicants who did not make the peer review level will be notified of the final status of their submissions. All those departments that have applications that were peer reviewed but will not receive funding will be notified later this year.

FEMA/USFA cannot respond to requests for information on the status of specific applications. However, Fire Departments interested in Regular updates on the grant program can visit the FEMA/USFA website at: www.usfa.fema.gov/grants/

14. Seaford Volunteer Fire Dept Inc
15. Roxana Volunteer Fire Co
16. Farmington Fire Co
17. Clayton Fire Co #1 Inc
18. Felton Community Fire Co
19. Wilmington Fire Dept
20. Greenwood Volunteer Fire Co
21. Camden-Wyoming Fire Co Inc
22. Magnolia Volunteer Fire Co Inc
23. Bowers Fire Co
24. Aetna Hose Hook & Ladder Co
25. Laurel Fire Dept Inc
26. Millville Volunteer Fire Co
27. Leipsic Volunteer Fire Co
28. Five Points Fire Co
29. Houston Volunteer Fire Co
30. Rehoboth Beach Vol Fire Co
31. Delmar Fire Dept Inc
32. Georgetown Fire Co Inc
33. Ellendale Volunteer Fire Co
34. Harrington Fire Co Inc
35. Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Co
36. Delaware City Fire Co
37. Odessa Fire Co
- 38. Milton Fire Dept Inc**
- 39. Blades Volunteer Fire Co**
- 40. Port Penn Volunteer Fire Co**

Departments in bold indicate participation since last published newsletter.

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